

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF EXPANSION IN EXISTING MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY UNIT FROM 100.0 KLPD TO 700.0 KLPD (EXPANSION BY 600.0 KLPD) BY USING SYRUP 'B' & 'C' HEAVY MOLASSES AND SUGAR UNIT FROM 10,000.0 TCD TO 15,000.0 (TCD) (EXPANSION BY 5,000.0 TCD) ALONGWITH CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT EXPANSION FROM 35.0 MW TO 84.0 MW (EXPANSION BY 49.0 MW) PROPOSED BY M/S AAYAN MULTITRADE LLP (UNIT-1) AT SURVEY NO.105, 106,107/1,107/2,108,109,110,111,112,113,234,235/1,235/2,236/1,236/2,236/3,236/4, 237,238,239/1/A,239/1/B,239/2, VILLAGE-KORIT AND SURVEY NO.239,2401/A, 240/1/B, 240/1/C/2, VILLAGE-SAMSHERPUR, TALUKA, DISTRICT – NANDURBAR - 425 412, MAHARASHTRA

The public hearing for proposed expansion in existing Molasses Based Distillery Unit from 100.0 KLPD TO 700.0 KLPD (Expansion by 600.0 KLPD) By Using Syrup 'B' & 'C' Heavy Molasses, Sugar Unit From 10,000.0 TCD TO 15,000.0 TCD (Expansion by 5,000.0 TCD), along with Co-Generation Power Plant Expansion From 35.0 MW TO 84.0 MW (Expansion By 49.0 MW) project of M/s Aayan Multitrade LLP (Unit-1) at Survey No.105, 106,107/1,107/2,108,109,110,111,112,113,234,235/1, 235/2, 236/1, 236/2,236/3,236/4,237,238,239/1/A,239/1/B,239/2, Village-Korit and Survey No. 239,2401/A, 240/1/B, 240/1/C/2, Village-Samasherpur, Taluka, District-Nandurbar, Maharashtra was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Additional District Collector & Additional District Magistrate, Nandurbar on 14 January 2024 at 12.00 p.m.

Following panel members were present during the environmental public hearing as per Board's Office Order No. E-03 of 2024 vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B -241226-FTS 0045 dtd. 26th Dec. 2024.

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| 1. Additional District Collector & Additional District Magistrate, Nandurbar | : Chairperson |
| 2. Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik | : Member |
| 3. Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Dhule. | : Convener |

Mr. Pranav Pakhale, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Dhule and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public who were present and with the permission of the Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about the expansion in existing Molasses Based Distillery Unit from 100.0 KLPD TO 700.0 KLPD (Expansion by 600.0 KLPD) By Using Syrup 'B' & 'C' Heavy Molasses, Sugar Unit From 10,000.0 TCD TO 15,000.0 TCD (Expansion by 5,000.0 TCD), along with Co-Generation Power Plant Expansion From 35.0 MW TO 84.0 MW (Expansion By 49.0 MW) in respect of M/s Aayan Multitrade LLP (Unit-1) at Survey No.105,106,107/1,107/2,108,109,110,111,112,113,234,235/1,235/2,236/1,236/2,236/3,236/4,237,238,239/1/A,239/1/B,239/2, Village-Korit and Survey No. 239,2401/A, 240/1/B, 240/1/C/2, Village-Samasherpur, Taluka, District-Nandurbar – 425412

He informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit is also comes under the purview of this Notification.

The Project Proponent has applied to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed expansion in existing project of Molasses Based Distillery Unit from 100.0 KLPD TO 700.0 KLPD (Expansion by 600.0 KLPD) By Using Syrup 'B' & 'C' Heavy Molasses, Sugar Unit From 10,000.0 TCD TO 15,000.0 TCD (Expansion by 5,000.0 TCD), along with Co-Generation Power Plant Expansion From 35.0 MW TO 84.0 MW (Expansion By 49.0 MW). As per the said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in "Daily Lokmat" for Marathi and in national newspaper "The Times of India" for English on 11th December 2024. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

The Convener further informed that, the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware local people who can be participated in the hearing and they should know the activity to be carried out in the proposed expansion in existing project of Molasses Based Distillery Unit from 100.0 KLPD TO 700.0 KLPD (Expansion by 600.0 KLPD) By Using Syrup 'B' & 'C' Heavy Molasses, Sugar Unit From 10,000.0 TCD TO 15,000.0 TCD (Expansion by 5,000.0 TCD), along with Co-Generation Power Plant Expansion From 35.0 MW TO 84.0 MW (Expansion By 49.0 MW) in respect of M/s Aayan Multitrade LLP (Unit-1) at Survey No.105, 106,107/1,107/2,108,109,110,111,112,113,234,235/1,235/2, 236/1,236/2,236/3,236/4, 237,238,239/1/A,239/1/B,239/2, Village-Korit and Survey No. 239,240/1/A, 240/1/B, 240/1/C/2, Village-Samasherpur, Taluka, District-Nandurbar, Maharashtra.

Also, a copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available at various offices of Government i.e.

- District Collector Office, Nandurbar
- District Industries Centre, Nandurbar
- Zilha Parishad, Nandurbar
- Sub-Divisional Office, Nandurbar
- Tahasil Office, Nandurbar.
- Gram panchayat Office of Samsherpur, Shinde, Korit and Bamdod Dist. Nandurbar.
- Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule.
- Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Nashik.
- Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, HQ, Sion, Mumbai-22.
- Environment Deptt. Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Nagpur.

The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. if any?

The Convener further informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Dhule had appealed to the concerned to submit any objection / suggestion accordingly Sub-Regional Office, MPCB Dhule has not received any representation. Further, he informed the participants of the hearing to give their suggestions or objections if any?

The Convener further informed that the suggestions and objections raised during the hearing will be incorporated in the minutes of the hearing.

He appealed Chairperson of the Panel to allow the Environment Consultant for giving the presentation & the Chairperson directed to give the presentation in this matter.

Representative of M/s. Element Consultancy Services, Pune, Maharashtra has given information in brief along with presentation on various environmental aspects i.e. Environment Impact Assessment and intention behind arranging the Public Hearing, Details about the Project, Project Plan, Environment Status, Details of local Environment and surrounding environment information, Locations of the study area, Air quality in the study area, Noise levels in the study area, Water quality in the study area, Soil quality in the study area, Bio-diversity, Socio-Economic Environment, Expected impact on the surrounding area, Environment Management Plan, Remedial measures on the various environmental impacts, Social Economic Development Plan under Environmental Responsibility Plan, Budgetary provisions for environmental management, Net gain from the project etc.,

After completion of the presentation, the Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Dhule & Convener of the Public Hearing Panel appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? This will enable to take the note of the same in the minutes of meetings. Further, he appealed to the participants to inform their name, address before raising any suggestions, views, comments etc., if any?

Details regarding views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant/Environment Public Hearing Committee are given below: -

1) Shri Umakant Madhav Patil, Dy. Sarpanch, Shinde Grampanchayat, Taluka and District - Nandurbar: -

Our village is approximately one kilometer to the east and west of this factory. Our agriculture land is along this road. Since 2022, so much boiler ash in black colour from this factory falls on water, food, crops, human body, cattle fodder during daily activities. Many complaints were submitted to Project Proponent and Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule. Our objection is that government officials and MPCB officials have not visited villages who have lodged complaints against the factory. Now, even though the presentation shows information about trees, and the height of chimneys, please visit and watch the present condition of our villages. You

just walk 15 feet, go to any religious place, walk in the forest, walk in the village, there you will see the current deteriorating situation of our village.

It is further objected that Project Environmental Consultant chose the month of March as the period of environmental survey for the proposed expansion project. So the problem of ash starts from the sugar crushing season. Once sugar crushing season is over, it ceases. Hence, it is a humble request to Respected District Collector Sir to visit our villages personally. Also, our representations from 2022 are submitted to the District Collector Office, Nandurbar, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office at Dhule. All the said complaints are resubmitted here. Until the release of boiler ash from this project is stopped, proposed expansion of the project should not be approved. After giving complaints, if we local people talk with Project Officials, the villagers do not understand the information given by the project officials.

Local people are not against the project, our only demand is that Project Management should bring 100% control on ash emission into the atmosphere and District Collector, Nandurbar should visit the affected villages. Boiler ash is released by Project Proponent every season. Hence, it is requested to visit our villages and the affected people.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed Shri Umakant Patil, Dy. Sarpanch, Shinde Gram Panchayat to submit written suggestions if any.

Environmental Consultant, while replying, informed that the height of the chimneys (stack) installed for the boilers in the working project is as per the norms as prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board. When Project Environmental Consultant conducted a survey of air pollution, it was observed that ash emissions were occurring.

The Project Environmental Consultant mentioned that for this purpose, a most advanced air pollution control device named ESP i.e. Electro-Static-Precipitator having an efficiency of 99.9% will be commissioned in the project. Coal will not be used in the project in future. So, local people will not suffer from boiler ash and soot. Also, as shown in the presentation, the Environmental Management Plan is prepared by considering how the problems faced by the local people will be completely reduced.

Here, some local people who were present started raising objections collectively.

Project Proponent said that Environmental Consultant had considered the issue of ash in the presentation. Local people have discussed this issue with the Factory Administration. The earlier project was done during the covid days. We have installed ESP (Electro-Static-Precipitator), which will be rectified/changed and nearly Rs. 104.0 crores will be spent on new ESP. The new ESP will be more efficient. Ash falling from the new ESP will not cause any adverse effects in the area.

Here, local people collectively started raising the issue of water pollution in the villages.

Project Proponent explained that some molasses had flown away from the factory in 2018-2019. So, the factory was fined, and the factory paid the fined amount. It is possible that the pollution caused at that time may be seeping to a small extent. Project does not discharge any polluted wastewater outside the factory. The treated effluent from the factory is used to irrigate sugarcane crops in the factory premises. If the suggestions given by the local people are appropriate, it is immediately

implemented. Water management is done on a day today basis. In current year exceeds rainfall has occurred and hence you saw lot of water in premises.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants that the said public hearing is to register the suggestions and objections raised by the local people regarding the proposed project. The issues which have been raised in the meeting are recorded. It will be included in the minutes of the meeting as well. Minutes of the meeting will be submitted to Govt. of India. An Expert Committee will take further decision. Hence local people are requested to raise their suggestions or objections peacefully.

2) Shri Narottam Bhui Patel, Residence-Samsherpur, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

A similar public hearing was held here in 2022, and Sugar Commissioner had come at that time. I have 30 acres of land in the north-east direction of this factory. Our well water and bore well water is totally polluted.

I have brought the water of well and borewell in a bottle. Due to the boiler ash falling from the factory, 1-1.5 cm soot falls on crops like wheat, gram, cotton. Due to this, the crops are getting destroyed. We are deprived of water

Hence, it is earnestly requested that expansion of the Project should not be sanctioned until all these issues are resolved.

3) Shri Anil Bhaidas Bhil, At Post – Shinde Village, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

I am common man. The falling boiler ash from the company on the cotton of the local farmers makes its black. Hence, it must be sold at a low price. I am a normal person. In my house, there is ash even in the breadbasket. Capitalists are gaining their profit. When I go to work by road, I have seen that there have been bike accidents due to ash particles going in the eyes of bikers. I have also survived an accident due to ash particles in my eyes while riding a bike. Now in this public hearing it was stated that the office of the Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule appealed through public notice to register suggestions / objections for the proposed expansion of project and it is informed that not a single suggestion or objection has been received in writing. Hence, it is requested that officials of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should visit the project affected villages and interact with the complainants, only then local people will share the problem of pollution. Also, survey of villages should be conducted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. All the villagers have not been informed regarding this meeting. When we local people go to complain to the factory management, they say that the machinery is coming from Bangalore. After two-four days, the ash will not come out once the machines are started. But nothing has happened till date.

You will send the report of this meeting to Government of India and then you will get approval, then who will listen to our problem? We local people, are not against the project. But the proposed Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which is going to implement should be implemented 100% and ash emission should be stopped 100%. Only then I and my local farmer friends will support it. Also, if any incident of

pollution occurs here, the Factory Administration will be responsible for it. We are aware that the sugarcane of the local farmer here is sold to the sugar factory. Two people from our village have got job opportunity here.

Hence, officials of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, as well as officials of District Administration should come and inspect the villages.

Also, my suggestion to the Environmental Public Hearing Committee is that the tractors come to the factory to deliver sugarcane crops, they are playing loudspeakers and listening the songs. So, there is more fear of accidents. I have survived from dying.

However, speed breakers should be installed there. Also, the tractor owners should be instructed to drive the tractor slowly and not to drink alcohol while driving.

4) Shri Chandrakant Uddhav Choudhary, Residence-Samsherpur, Taluka and District - Nandurbar:-

Please see public sentiment in the meeting. All the villages in this area are suffering from pollution, be it Samsherpur, Kolda, Korit. If we think about Samsherpur village, the wastewater of this factory is even now being discharged beyond the wall of this factory. I understood that there is a High School next to the factory compound. It has also submitted a written complaint. School students suffer from diseases because the water is polluted.

According to a recent news on TV, in some villages in Buldhana district, all the people - be it men or women, started losing their hair. Experts from Chennai opined that fungal disease is caused due to increase in Nitrate content in water. However, I feel that nearby school children are facing similar problems or other problems due to polluted water. We have asked Gramsevak about this and got a reply that water samples have been collected and submitted, and the report is awaited. If you ask anyone in the village, you will be told that the water problem is serious. Here the problem is both drinking water and agriculture purpose water as well.

Due to dumping of spent wash by Project Proponent, the villages. Even if a guest comes to the village, we feel ashamed. Being involved in the medical field myself, it has come to my notice that there is an increase in respiratory diseases in the villages in the project affected area.

Local people have raised the complaints regarding the pollution in the meeting. Hence, inspection and survey of project affected villages should be carried out immediately. Also, in the Presentation, it is informed that trees were planted. But no one knows about how many trees were planted, which trees were planted, how many trees were conserved and how many survived. Hence, it is requested that villages affected by the project should be inspected and further decisions should be taken.

Project Proponent submitted that Shri Chandrakant Choudhary said that the situation was the same in the year 2022. However, after 2022 the factory planted a lot of trees. There is a difference between the photos of the factory before 2022 and the photos of today. Guests who come here ask who planted so many trees? Almost one crore rupees has been spent on tree plantation and around 24,000 no's of trees have been planted.

Samsherpur road was completely barren. After a few days, the traveler / person will travel through the shadows of trees. More trees will be planted in the future as well and our aim is to have the entire area covered with trees. The surroundings should become greener, and people's suffering should be reduced.

5) Shri Dinesh Patil, Residence-Shindegaon, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

Local Women's Group has given application. They run small business and their business is adversely affected due to ash from this project.

Shri Chandrakant Chaudhary remarked that the factory planted has number of trees and there is no question about it. However, there has been no improvement in control of ash generation since 2022. What is the solution for it? Further, how factory management can release generated spent wash on village streets.

Project Proponent stated that spent wash is not dumped on the road anywhere. It is made available to those farmers who demand it. Many farmers have got good results from the usage of spent wash in agriculture fields. The spent wash is burnt in a boiler having capacity of 28 tons.

Shri Chandrakant Chaudhary objected that there are pits on the side of the substation of the factory and these pits are filled with spent wash.

The Project Proponent said that the spent wash is not released anywhere. Spent wash in the project is being used for sugarcane, trees in the factory premises. During rainy season, a meeting was held with local people and plant/factory management informed that every farmer needs to dispose of rainwater from their agriculture fields.

Project Proponent appealed to all participants to raise any queries other than water and ash. They have said that ESP will be changed as part of proposed expansion. Now during Sankranti Festival, two days will be spent and the issues in existing ESP will be addressed and in the proposed expansion project, operations will be improved. About Rs. 150 crores will be spent. Thus, 100% ash issue will be resolved.

6) Shri Vithhal Murad Patil, Residence-Shindegaon, Taluka and District – Nandurbar:-

All the documents have been handed over by me. After the meeting I request you to come with me and I will show you where the ashes are. If there is any social agitation due to this and if any backlash/incidence occurs, factory administration and government administration will be responsible for it. This agitation will take place from the 20th to 25th of this month. It is a village of 4,500 people and all will participate in the agitation.

The Government of Maharashtra has a scheme of ODF – (Open Defecation Free). But here all roads are used by Cane Cutting Workers for open defecation. Hence, we cannot walk on the road. Due to this, agriculture labourers for cotton collection are not coming for work. Many times, these issues have been raised before

Company Management. This year, the company has not provided sanitary toilet facilities for the cane cutting workers.

The local area has not benefitted from this project. We are not at all against the project. Factory should operate, but pollution should be stopped. It is requested that officials visit the project affected villages it.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any subject one by one and should not raise any subject collectively.

7) Shri Vipul Chaudhary, Residence-Samsherpur, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

Will the proposed distillery project cause any air pollution in the area?

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Project Environment Consultant to give answer.

The Environmental Consultant said that complete information is being given through the chart about how Environmental Management Plans will be implemented.

Project Proponent said that a similar Environment Public Hearing was held in 2022. The proposed changes will be made as a part of expansion activity. Old machinery will be scrapped, and new machinery will be installed. So, I assure here that all issues raised will be addressed during proposed expansion activity. In the meeting, suggestions have been asked regarding ash and water. However, if there are any suggestions or objections on other subjects, they should be raised.

Project Proponent said that as shown in the presentation around ₹ 108 crore will be spent for the pollution control system which includes change in ESP system.

It was remarked by the participants that when Shri Mohandada was Chairman of this factory, at that time not even a particle of ash was released. Because tenders for ash were drawn and later that ash was distributed to the farmers.

Project Proponent replied that even today, Shri. Dilip Bump Bhil and Shri. Giridhar Bhil of Samsher village have taken tenders. Usually, 15-16 tractors of ash is removed on a daily basis. The ash is made available to the farmers free of cost.

At that time, some participants objected that the ashes were blown with a fan. Project Proponent rejected the objection.

Project Proponent said that both Girdharbhau and Dilipbhau have tenders. Some of the participants started to raise collective objections.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to all the participants that video recording of the meeting in progress. The questions, suggestions and objections raised by you are being recorded. Your every suggestion is being noted.

8) Shri Satish Madhukar Chaudhari, Residence-Samsherpur, Taluka and District - Nandurbar:-

Will this project affect the health of local people? If yes, what are the measures planned by the Project Proponent?

Project Environmental Consultant showed the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) budget and said that air environment and water environment have been

separately phased. A study has also been carried out on the problems faced by the local people.

In existing capital investment, local people are facing problems of ash/dust. The most advanced air pollution control system - ESP (Electro-Static Precipitator) having an efficiency of 99.9% will be installed and this enables settling down of ash particles.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed Project Environmental Consultant that participants raised whether the proposed project would have any impact on the health of the people in the area and it should be answered in this regard. Explain the medical facilities you are going to provide if any.

Project Environmental Consultant said that under the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund (CSR Fund) health camps will be organized every year in various villages in the project area. Also, an ambulance will be made available to the people of the village so that they can get medical facilities on an urgent basis.

9) Shri Kedar Suresh Chaudhari, Residence-Samsherpur, Taluka and District - Nandurbar:-

You are going to provide an ambulance. So as long as the local person does not get sick, then the target date should be informed before when you are going to provide the ambulance. Hence, in the presentation, a column should be inserted, and information should be given about the target date.

Also, the target date and information about when the pollution control system will be implemented should be recorded in the Environmental Report, as Project Proponent only made promises in 2022, nothing has been done.

The Managing Director of the Project while answering remarked that the problems have been raised in the meeting. The main problem is ash nuisance and water pollution. However, I assure you as Managing Director that a concrete decision will be taken in this regard within 8-10 days. The implementation of ESP will resolve these issues.

At that time, some participants demanded a target date for a permanent solution to the ash pollution and water pollution issues. Because water release from factory is percolating in our tube wells, bore wells. When this issue of release of water and its percolation will be closed. Also, when the soot control work should be completed should be mentioned. A column should be inserted in the presentation with the target date for each item.

Here, Project Proponent said that local people have raised objections regarding water percolation. Molasses was washed here in 2018-19. It may be percolating till today and that question must have been solved. Question is about Ash. So now the factory has been closed for two days and improvements are being made. It will be activated later. ESP will be replaced next year. As the farmers suffered losses, the factory also suffered losses worth crores of rupees. No calamity is predicted. With the rise in sudden temperature, the molasses washed away. However, all the improvements mentioned in the meeting will be made. Due to this factory, 700-800 people have got job opportunities here. Due to the turnover of several crores of rupees, the farmers also benefited. Our factory is crushing 50% of total sugarcane crop produced in Nandurbar district. 25,000 farmers are our Members. 3,000.0

hectares of sugarcane are being crushed. Now the sugarcane crushing season is already started and season will last for a month and a half. All the suggestions made in this public hearing will be implemented. All improvements will be made next season.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that participants have raised their suggestions, objections in the meeting and they have been noted. It is observed that three major problems are faced by the local people – 1) Release of boiler ash from the stack/chimney; 2) Water Pollution and 3) Impact on health of local people due to this proposed expansion of the project. These raised suggestions and objections are captured in the videography. It will be noted in the minutes of the meeting as well. Minutes of meeting will be submitted along with written objections as received, to the Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Further decision will be taken by the Govt. of India. Project cannot be started without approval of the Central Government.

Shri Kedar Chaudhari remarked that we stay here. Local farmers have demanded the target date. I have also worked in the industrial field, where Target Date is to be mentioned. Hence, an additional column should be included in the presentation and target date should be mentioned.

Project Proponent replied that Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that unless permission is obtained from the Central Government or Govt. of India, the project cannot be started. As suggested in the meeting, we will make all the amendments and presentation will be made to the Govt. of India. Participants are requested to raise suggestions, objections if any.

10) Shri Umakant Madhav Patil, Dy. Sarpanch, Shinde Gram Panchayat, Taluka and District-Nandurbar

While giving suggestions said that we demand to the Government that unless and until release of ash and wastewater/ spent wash coming out of the project is totally stopped, the expansion of this project should not be approved.

Also, it is our demand to Government that a written assurance stating in how many days the ash releasing from the boiler will be stopped should be submitted to the local/project affected Gram Panchayat Offices. Also, the Environmental Consultant of the project should conduct a study/survey of the environment during the sugar crushing season. Government should inform us accordingly. Further it is our demand that representatives of the Government should visit and inspect the project affected villages as villages are facing problems and should not visit company/factory. Regarding this prior intimation in writing should be given to respective Gram Panchayat offices.

11) Shri Shantilal Govind Patel, Residence-Samsheerpur, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

Our village is near to the factory. My agriculture farm is adjacent to the factory and on the north side of the company boundary wall. Me and my family's bread and butter are depending on it.

My tube well water is contaminated due to seepage of factory effluent. The above matter has been brought to the notice of the Company Administration. Many

times, the factory's effluent appears on the street, and we ask management to turn it off. Sometime sewage water from the factory premises/plant comes on the roads and makes it cumbersome to go to our agriculture fields.

Project Proponent said that if any suggestion is made by the local people, we are always following it and we co-operate with everyone.

12) Shri Limbaji Bhad, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee: -

All have raised their problems in respect of water pollution, air pollution and health. Apart from this, if there are other issues, they should be raised. Also, only one person should speak at a time. This is being an Environmental Public Hearing, only environmental suggestions and objections should be raised.

13) Shri Ramesh Patil, Residence-Shinde Village, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

In Palghar district, Dahanu taluka was suffering from ash problem due to brick kiln. This was an incident in the period of 1992-96 and it was resolved unanimously. If same decision is of any use here, it should be considered as well.

14) Shri Govind Chaudhari, Residence-Samsherpur, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

Will Samsherpur village get any benefit from this expansion project?

Project Proponent submitted that many residents of Samsherpur, Shinde village and other villages have received job opportunities in the project. Additional manpower will be required for the expansion project and priority will be given to local people only. Also, there will be more increase in the contracts which can be given to local people.

15) Shri Ashok Ratilal Patil, Residence- Korit, Taluka and District-Nandurbar:-

Whether surrounding villages will get benefit due to this project?

Project proponent submitted that part of the project cost must be spent on CER. It must be spent on social schemes in the village. This project will benefit the villages in the area. In the meeting, there were suggestions from the farmers such as ash is to be provided free of cost. We have asked the ash removal contractor of Samsherpur village to take ash and throw it in the nearest agriculture fields. Also, the farmers should take advantage of the press mud. Project Proponent is providing the press mud to the local farmers at a minimum rate.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that suggestions, views, objections as raised by the participants have been noted. Most of the participants raised the suggestions/objections in respect of water pollution, ash pollution and proposed impact on health of the villagers. Now, just received suggestion regarding Press Mud also. In addition, if anyone has any suggestions or

objections on other topics, it should be raised. There was no response from the participants.

Some participants demanded written assurance from the Project Proponent regarding stoppage of ash problem and water pollution.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that all suggestions and objections raised in the meeting have been recorded. Minutes of the meeting along with written objections are submitted after approval of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee there takes further decision on this.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanks all and on behalf of Chairman of the Committee declared that meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

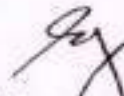
Enclosed herewith 05 written suggestions/objections as received.



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And
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